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BOOK REVIEWS.

Studies in American Elementary Law, by John C. Townes, LL. D., Ex-President of the Association of American Law Schools, Second Edition. Chicago. T. H. Flood & Co. 1911. Price \$4.00.

Before examining this book we would have said that a work on "Elementary Law" would be an impossibility, and our first impression was that the author was attempting to inflict upon those who did not know better one of those catch penny works like "Business Laws," "Every Man His Own Lawyer," etc. But we had not read the first chapter before we were impressed with the fact that the author was a man of profound learning, and clear, logical mind, and that he had succeeded in presenting the ordinary rules of law in simple language, easy to be understood, and wonderfully well grouped. For the student of law we believe no better "foundation work" can be found and the practitioner desiring to refresh his mind with first principles can do so both with pleasure and profit by reading this volume. We can give unqualified commendation to Part II treating of our own system of Government. Terse in language—clear in statement—it says just enough to inform, not enough to mislead, and all that is necessary for a brief summary. The chapters on the Law of Contracts, by Mr. E. W. Townes, concluding the volume, is an excellently condensed treatise upon this important subject, and worthy of the work.

American and English Annotated Cases, containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports, thoroughly annotated. Editors, William McKinney and H. Noyes Greene. Volume 20. Edward Thompson Company. Northport, L. I. New York. 1911. Price \$5.00.

Volume 20 of this series carries out as usual the very excellent plan of the series, and the notes maintain their general excellency. We have examined with a good deal of pleasure and profit the note "As to right of liquidating or winding up partner to compensate for services," page 1059; "The validity of the regulation of carrier separating races: "The right of stockholder to inspect the books of corporation as absolute or qualified;" and "The right of child to recover for services rendered during minority to persons standing in loco parentis." The note upon "Parties defendant to bill of discovery" is exceedingly valuable upon this important question of practice. The note upon "Right to terminate contract containing new stipulation as to duration" is also interesting and valuable. This is the only series of reports we know which gives English and Canadian cases, and we have found one or more cases in Volume 20 from England of great interest and novelty; especially a note upon the question of "The conflict of laws as to executory contract relating to realty."